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Conestoga College
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This week in the news

Fanshawe to hold one-day strike

Fanshawe College in London will feel the effects of the one-day strike called for Dec. 11 by the Ontario Federation of Labor.

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College to get aviation course

A new and innovative business course for opportunities in aviation will start at Conestoga College on Jan. 2, 1996.

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Cuts may affect students graduating

Students affected by day-care cuts are worried they may not be able to finish their studies here at Conestoga.

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Toys not only for benefits receivers

Concern was voiced at the DSA board of director's meeting that the Christmas Wish Tree was closed to all but family benefit recipients, effectively cutting off others in need.

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Zonta club offers student awards

The Zonta club in Cambridge is offering an award for female students who are struggling financially but are doing well academically and meet certain criteria.

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Student helps with opening events

When Doon Heritage Crossroads opened its curatorial centre, a recreational leadership student was on hand to help out.

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Mentalist has fun in the Sanctuary.

Mike Mandel brought his show to the Sanctuary on Nov. 30, just a few hours before performing at the Howard Johnson's in Kitchener.

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Condor coach following father's path

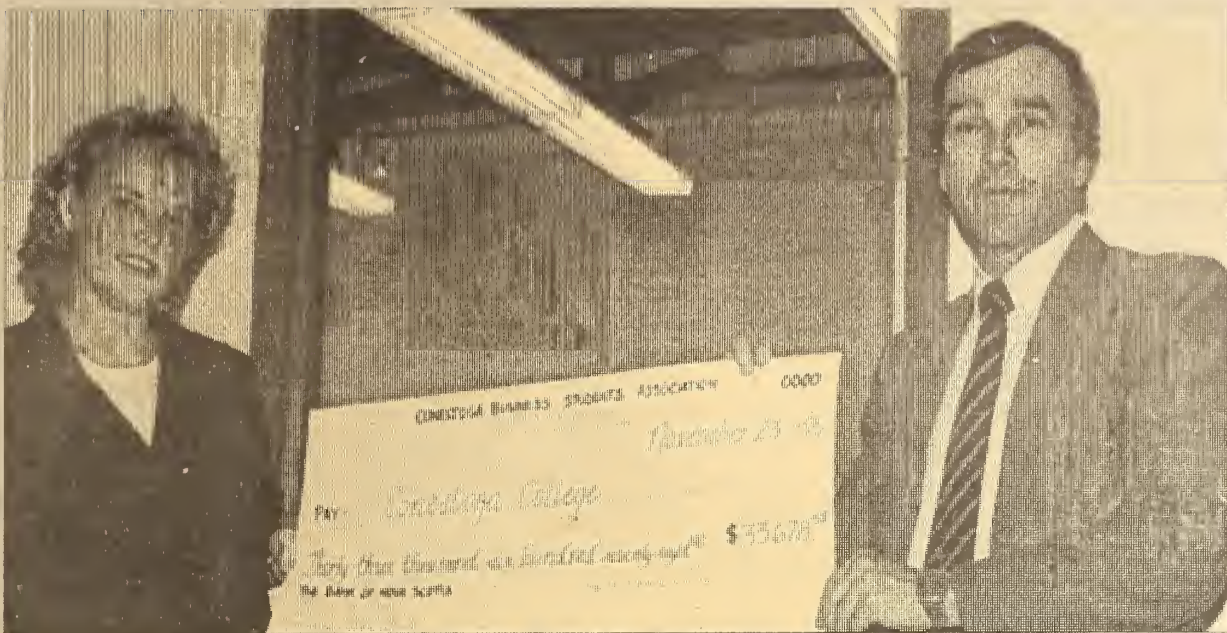
Conestoga's new coach Tony Martindale has plenty of coaching experience and involvement with hockey. After seven seasons with the Laurier Golden Hawks he is trying to bring a national championship to Conestoga.

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Conestoga drops one to Cambrian

The Condors were beaten 7-5 by the Cambrian Golden Shields in Sudbury, Dec. 2. Coach Tony Martindale blamed a lack of defensive effort.

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Conestoga College president John Tibbits accepts a cheque in the amount of \$33,678 from Conestoga Business Students Assoc. president Leanne Charters in a presentation held Nov. 23.

(Photo by Scott Donnelly)

Business students donate \$33,000

By Scott Donnelly

The Conestoga Business Students Association (CBSA) presented Conestoga College president John Tibbits with a cheque for \$33,678, Nov. 23.

The money was raised through almond sales and business bashes from the 1994-95 school year. CBSA president Leanne Charters said that the money goes toward new computer hardware, software and facilities for Conestoga business students.

After the presentation of the cheque, Charters and Tibbits cut the ribbon and officially opened the new business lab in Room 2B08. Charters said the lab's 10 new terminals and new laser printer were paid for by last year's profits.

At the ceremony Tibbits said he is proud of the CBSA for their efforts to make Conestoga a better school.

"They're good role models," he said.

"Hopefully it will inspire other students in other programs to get involved in a similar way."

Tibbits compared Conestoga's situation to that of Seneca's where he said the students have to pay an annual fee which is then donated to the college to pay for facilities.

"It's not the same as you going out, having fun and accomplishing it on your own," he said.

Charters said the students raise the money, the college buys the equipment and then the CBSA donates their fund-raising profits to the college.

"It's so much easier than trying to go out and buy everything on our own," said Charters. "The college already has the contacts and they buy so much that they can get volume discounts."

Charters attributes the success of the CBSA to the size of the business school and the business faculty.

"It's easier to raise money when we represent such a large number of students," she said. "And the faculty members are unreal. They are our greatest motivators. If they're going to the biz bashes then the students are going to go too."

Charters said the money went specifically toward the 10 terminals, two printers, 10 new chairs and desks. They also upgraded to Windows 95, Word Perfect 6.0, Lotus 5 and Havard Graphics.

She said even with the new business wing being added this year, the students are still cramped for lab space.

"We added this new lab and have now filled every other lab with terminals," said Charters. "If we could add another 20 terminals they would be full all the time. The demand is unreal."

Charters said the goal for this year's fund-raising is around \$40,000.

Universal bus pass would raise fees

By Jeannette Cantin

A proposal regarding unlimited transit travel for full-time students in exchange for a compulsory incidental fee caused many concerns at the Doon Student Association's board of directors meeting.

Three Kitchener Transit representatives were on hand at the Nov. 28 meeting to try and sell the group on the idea of a universal bus pass. Acceptance of the pass would add \$30-\$50 per study term to full-time registration fees.

At least three other cities in Ontario are taking part in a similar program including the University of Guelph, Queen's University in Kingston and Trent University in Peterborough.

The University of Guelph began using the pass system in January 1995 after it was approved by a 70 per cent majority in a student referendum, the summary said. Wally Beck, director of transit, told the meeting the university's ridership tripled after the program was introduced.

Beck said the pass system met with unanimous support from University of

Waterloo's council. Conestoga is the second institution to be approached.

The pass is a benefit to all students and is especially helpful to those with limited funds, Beck said. The pass would pay for itself if a student were to take the bus once or twice a week to grocery shop or go to a movie. Environmental benefits were also cited. The pass provides indirect benefits to students who drive to the college by decreasing congestion in parking lots, he said.

Dawn Mittelholtz, DSA president, asked if students would have the option of getting their money back if they had no need for the pass system, as is the practice with the student health insurance plan.

Transportation planner Blair Allen said the fee should not be refundable as the system works by offering a volume discount. Exemptions would mean the cost to the rest of the students would rise, he said.

While the proposed fee is lower than the current cost of a yearly bus pass, the main concern is for students travelling from

rural areas with no bus access.

Allen said the process of working out a deal with the college could include issues such as exemptions.

"The idea is to get approval in principle so we can start negotiations," Allen said. Kitchener Transit would expect a student referendum to be held before implementing the system.

John Cicuttin, manager of transportation and planning, outlined the transit changes currently being developed, such as a route structure which would guarantee transfer times. He also mentioned possible changes such as service between Cambridge and the college, if funding becomes available through programs like the pass system.

Members of the DSA executive expressed concern regarding the feasibility of the program in terms of student acceptance and the increase in administrative workload. Due to the far-reaching implications, the board voted to form a committee which would discuss the plan with college administration and report back to the DSA board of directors.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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News Briefs

Alcohol awareness

- Visit the Sanctuary on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to sign a National Campaign Banner to show your personal commitment to stopping drinking and driving. The banner will be sent to Toronto and assembled with other banners from campuses across the country. On these dates, the Sanctuary will host a couple of surprise events.

Poster and calender sale

- On Tuesday, Dec. 12, Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Dec. 14, Athena will be selling posters and calenders in the main cafeteria.

Coalition responds to Harris

- A two day community meeting is being organized by the Waterloo Regional Coalition for Social Justice to respond to the changes Premier Mike Harris and his government are making in Ontario. The coalition contends that overall Harris's changes will devastate the community. The purpose of this meeting is to inform citizens and provide them with an opportunity to organize. Call 888-4882 with suggestions on what you would like to see at the meeting.

Student vote on bus pass

- Students are encouraged to cast a yes or no vote in the DSA office regarding the possibility of a universal bus pass which was presented by Kitchener Transit at the recent B.O.D. meeting.

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 4 issue of Spoke, Conestoga College public relations director John Sawicki's name was spelled incorrectly. On page 8, John Washkurak's name was spelled incorrectly. Spoke regrets these errors.

All the trimmings



Lacey Lyndhorst takes time out from decorating the DSA Christmas Wish Tree to enjoy a candy cane of her own in the Sanctuary Dec. 5. (Photo by Steve Tuckwood)

Fanshawe College shutdown forces rescheduling of exams

By Perry Hagerman

The one-day strike called by the Ontario Federation of Labor (OFL) for the city of London will close Fanshawe College and force it to reschedule its winter exam schedule, said John Berry.

The president of Local 237, which represents the faculty, librarians and counsellors at Conestoga, said the strike set for Dec. 11 will be supported by the unionized faculty and support staff at Fanshawe.

Ann Wallace, president of Local 238, was at a recent meeting of the OFL.

"It was unanimous at the Ontario Federation of Labor conference last week, that all unions who are affiliates be supported the 11th," Wallace said.

Local 238 represents support staff and cleaners at Conestoga.

Leah Casselman, the president of the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU) sent a fax to all locals encouraging their members to sign a petition of solidarity which will be faxed to OPSEU members

in London and read out on Dec. 11.

In addition, Casselman has asked members to refrain from shopping on Dec. 11 and to use only \$2 bills on Dec. 12.

In her memo, she said the purpose is "to show the public the economic effect of public service cuts."

Wallace was having buttons made which will be worn by members of her local in support of Dec. 11. The buttons will say: "I lose my job, you lose my business. Support labor."

Wallace said, "The point is, if you keep cutting back in the public service and putting all these people out of work, we can't support the community or the businesses here who rely on our income."

The union is starting to sort out the ramifications of the Conservative's "mini-budget" which was announced Nov. 29.

Although the province announced the broad cuts to secondary education, there are many ways in which the cuts could affect Conestoga college.

"My concern is respect to the municipality cuts," said Wallace. "It

would have the greatest impact on the support staff. If the community and social services have a cut in funding, they may look at the funding that they offer us as far as grants."

The college receives its funding from a wide variety of sources. "The total budget for the college is around \$60 million," said Berry. "Our base grant, which is the one that has just been cut, is in the neighborhood of \$25 million. The rest is in the 'envelopes.'"

The envelopes are the various other sources of funding for the college such as apprenticeship programs and retraining programs.

The effect on those packets of money are being worked out by the funding departments which are involved.

Kevin Mullan, Conestoga's vice-president of finance and administrative operations, said in an interview, it will probably take a week to 10 days for the college to receive all of the information regarding the various funding changes.

Tibbits thanks employer partners

By Linda Yovanovich

Conestoga College President John Tibbits spoke to about 160 guests about changes and challenges the college will face in light of provincial cuts at a thank-you evening Nov. 29.

Guests included college faculty and employer partners including co-op employers, clinical and field placement supervisors and work placement situation supervisors.

Conestoga's current chair, Lynda Davenport, welcomed guests to the event and introduced Tibbits.

Tibbits began his address by thanking the volunteer employer partners for helping create "a huge difference in quality education."

He added, "We'll be asking even more from you in the future." He did not realize the thank-you evening would be taking place 'the morning after,' Tibbits said jokingly, referring to the provincial government's 'mini-budget,' which had just been released the day before.

He said it's a good time to address a group of this size because the college will be facing its biggest challenge.

Regarding the provincial budget and cutbacks, Tibbits was positive in his view.

"We're going to make it through this. We've been ready for the last few years."

Tibbits said Conestoga is in a better situation than several other colleges in the province. He noted three colleges are in debt, including Fanshawe in London, which recently laid off 68 employees. And these college were in debt before the budget was announced, he added.

Conestoga is in the business of teaching and learning, he said, and those two aspects of the college will remain supported when it comes time to cut back.

As well, the college administration will be looking at the where to put resources and focusing on "vocational and generic skills."

Tibbits added that among other

colleges, Conestoga sets an example in job placement and retention.

He said Conestoga may become smaller in numbers for a while, but it will also become better. He said he wants a 95 per cent placement rate for the college.

Tibbits said he hopes to look to the international arena for the creation of revenue and used Health Sciences and Nursing as an example.

Even though there are not as many jobs in this field in Canada, he said the college would like to gradually introduce international students to Conestoga.

Each international student pays \$9,000 to attend college, he said, and if Conestoga would take 100 to 200 students, a large sum of money could be made.

Tibbits also spoke of creating more partnerships with industry and mentioned the new idea of alternate delivery education.

He also talked about the "sensitive" topic of collective agreements, saying that bargaining will begin in January.

Library tosses issues of The Record after three months

By Steve Tuckwood

If you are looking for back issues of The Record, don't go to the Doon campus Learning Resource Centre (LRC) to find them, because they don't carry back issues of them.

Cathy Potvin, a LRC employee, said the centre decided against carrying the paper on microfilm because of the cost of the microfilm and because of the difficulty finding specific stories in the Record due to its lack of indexing.

"The Record is not found in the Canadian News Index so anyone looking for stories published in the paper could not go that route to find

the articles," Potvin said.

Instead of buying an unindexed paper on microfilm, she said, the centre decided a paper like the Globe and Mail would be a better choice since it is an indexed paper.

"Unless you know the actual date the story was published it would be difficult to find," said Potvin. "So instead of running into problems like that we decided the Globe was a better choice."

Potvin also said that the Kitchener Public Library (KPL) as well as the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier libraries carry back issues of the Record and the only way it is indexed is by calling an indexing

agency in Toronto. She said the person looking for the information is charged for the call by the library.

Potvin said it was not necessarily an economic choice, but it was one made by the resource centre staff.

"Instead of having to go through that hassle we decided to skip the entire problem and just not keep back issues of the Record."

So if you are looking for back issues of the Record you are going to have to make the trip downtown to KPL or to one of the universities to find the information you are looking for, and if you don't know the specific date when you get there then it may cost you even more.

CAMPUS NEWS

Subsidy cuts pose problems

By Leanne Moses

The impact of the proposed cuts to day-care subsidies will have far reaching implications for many students at Conestoga College.

For some, like Kim Kosikar and Leah Heidman, second-year office systems administration students, the cuts may mean that they won't be able to finish school.

Heidman and Kosikar each have a child in the day care. If their subsidies are cut, they won't be able to pay for day care.

Kosikar said recent cutbacks in family benefits no longer cover day-to-day living expenses.

"I agree there should be cutbacks because our deficit is a problem. But, I am left with \$65 a month to live on," she said.

The actual monthly child-care

costs are about the same as the two women receive in family benefits. They currently have full subsidy for their day care.

"We are living at the poverty line, so we don't have to pay user fees," said Heidman.

The two women started a petition to stop the Harris government from cutting day-care subsidies.

Kosikar said there were some people who didn't want to sign and made comments like "quit school and get a job, quit living off the government."

Kosikar said one lady told her, "You don't know how easy you have it."

Kosikar said the cuts don't affect only single parents, but also people who can afford to send their children to day care. "What are they going to do when there are no day-care centres?"

Heidman said the cuts seem to her to be part of one vicious circle.

"How can you have a job if you don't have education? And how can you have education if you don't have money? The message I am getting from the Harris government is don't go to school, don't get an education. Stay at home."

"It makes you sick when all these cutbacks are targeted at families and children and they (government officials) aren't making any sacrifices," Heidman said.

On Nov. 24 students and parents organized a rally to protest the subsidy cuts.

Students in the early childhood education program were concerned that the cuts would affect the number of day-care centres in the province.

Up and away



Tom Kurevija waits in front of a lift bus outside Door 3 on campus. The lift bus is specially designed to transport special needs students to and from Doon campus. Kurevija spends his spare time as an illustrator and cartoonist for his business Artful Embellishments.

(Photo by Lise Eleanor)

Wish tree gifts go to needy children

By Jeannette Cantin

The DSA Christmas Wish Tree is available to the children of any Conestoga student in for a tough Christmas this year and not just those on family benefits as may have been intimated in DSA correspondence.

This was the consensus at the DSA board of directors meeting held Nov. 28 after concern was raised regarding the availability of the service.

The motion was passed after second-year computer programmer-analyst representative Ben Noseworthy noted the exclusionary wording on the DSA schedule of events for December.

In reference to the Christmas Wish Tree, the schedule reads,

"Gifts donated to children of Conestoga College students who receive family benefits."

Noseworthy said he was offended the program was limited to those receiving family benefits. He reminded board members that many students who don't qualify for benefits may also be in need at Christmas. These families often receive less, he added, because they don't have access to the same services made available to benefit recipients.

Gavin FitzPatrick of the DSA executive said the DSA needed a way to assess need and expressed concern about opening the service to "everyone who wants free gifts" for their children.

Noseworthy compared the system with the student food bank and said

there was never a need to show benefit stubs to access that service. "Need drives a person to the food bank," Noseworthy said, and the wish tree would be used the same way.

Dawn Mittelholtz, DSA president, explained it was never the intention of the DSA to exclude anyone access to the service.

The reference to family benefits was made because the idea to keep it in Conestoga was brought on by concerns expressed by such students over benefit losses.

At no time does the DSA require proof of need when registering a child, she said.

Mittelholtz said an error was made in word choice on the schedule and apologized if the error offended anyone.

New aviation business course at Doon to take students to new heights

By Kean Doherty

A new and innovative business course for opportunities in aviation will start at Conestoga College on Jan. 2, 1996.

The course, which will run for eight weeks with two three-hour classes per week, will be formally called Aviation Business Development for the Entrepreneur.

Dave Richter, an aviation business veteran from Waterdown, said in an interview he will seek to show prospective entrepreneurs that there are limitless opportunities if they change their mind-set.

"Aviation business types should not be content with making \$10 per hour on a plane when they can make upwards of \$200," said Richter.

There are an abundance of companies that run a mediocre operation and operate on mediocre profit margins, Richter said.

"I want to turn out a student, who, when it comes time to get a job in aviation, can show the big air carrier that they can do more with less," he said.

The course will combine lectures, presentations and handout materials as part of the curriculum, said Richter.

It will also include guest speakers from the aviation industry and on-site visits to airports like Waterloo-Wellington.

He said he may also line up officials from the insurance and banking industries to give instruction on small-business development and what it entails financially and legally.

Along with covering financial aspects of starting a business and developing initial business plans, Richter said he will pass along his own personal business savvy to his students.

"I want to show them how I got through my own school of hard knocks and introduce them to hands-on theory and real experiences I have had in the business world," said Richter.

"This course will be about guts and intuition, not about stuff learned out of a book," he said.

Most of all, Richter said he wants students to think for themselves and to cultivate their own entrepreneurial instinct.

He said most people are limited to applying their ideas because those who have good ideas are either afraid to develop them or

have no formal instruction on how to act on the ideas.

"This course will be all about getting students accustomed to the rigors of starting a business as it relates to the aviation industry and developing entrepreneurial instinct," he said.

Aviation Business Development for the Entrepreneur begins Jan. 2, 1996 at the Doon campus and will cost \$146.20.

For more information contact the college information centre at (519) 748-3516 in Kitchener, 763-9525 in Guelph or 662-2530 in Stratford and New Hamburg.

Zonta International award aims to ease financial stress for female students

By José Compta

The Zonta Club of Cambridge is offering a \$500 award to Conestoga female students who meet certain criteria.

Myrna Nicholas, who works at student services at the Doon Campus and is a member of Zonta, said that to meet the requirements for the award, students must be enrolled in a college program of one

or more years in duration at Doon. These women must receive family benefits, maintain at least a B average, and be a permanent resident of Cambridge.

Nicholas said the award is aimed at helping female students who are struggling financially, but are doing well academically.

"We have been giving this award for approximately six years and it has been so successful that we will

continue it in the future," said Nicholas.

Because the group wants the money to go directly to the student, the winner will receive \$500 after taxes, she said.

Zonta International was founded in 1919 and has approximately 900 groups.

It is a service organization of executive and professional women who work for the improvement of

the legal, political and economic status of all women.

Nicholas said Zonta has three groups in the area, one in Cambridge, one in Guelph and one in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Each group is involved in different projects. While the Kitchener group is giving scholarships to high school students, the group in Cambridge is giving cash awards to college students.

The Cambridge group encourages high ethical and professional standards and supports the efforts at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Argus house (crisis shelter), Big Sisters, Cambridge home support and the United Way. Nicholas said they also support international scholarships.

The members of the group are all volunteers who raise money to fulfil their goals, Nicholas said.

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Conestoga corner

By Heather M. Graham

The fallacy of investments

The biggest trap that a member of society can fall into is a belief that banks give customers fair public service.

At a 1/4 per cent on chequing accounts, and four per cent on savings accounts the only thing banks are giving their customers is change to jingle in their pockets. Banks are making a killing on the money customers deposit.

These establishments claim to offer perks such as no service charge for balances over \$1,000.

In this age of Mike Harris and his Conservative government many people can barely afford to live. Yet it is these people who are charged for not having enough money in the bank.

The banks of our country are essentially giving breaks to the rich and taking from the poor.

If they really wanted to give fair public service they wouldn't charge anyone for services. And it's not that banks can't afford to do so.

A fact sheet from the Waterloo region coalition for social justice says last year, Toronto Dominion Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, C.I.B.C., and Royal Bank made a total after-tax profit of nearly \$2.9 billion.

These banks recorded bank assets from April 30, 1995 at \$103.7 million for the Toronto Dominion, \$153.1 million for Scotiabank, \$148.4 million for Bank of Montreal, \$157.4 million for C.I.B.C., and \$175.5 million for Royal Bank.

Projected profits for 1995 range from \$906 million to \$844 million.

Banks are deceitful about how they treat student customers.

They say students are the customers of the future and offer them Visa and Master Cards at lower yearly rates, with reduced limits of \$500, and offer packages for flat-fee services.

Students don't need credit cards unless banks want to rope them into debt while they're young and naive.

Not to mention that if banks really valued student business they would offer packages free of charge to promote dedication, honesty and quality service for future business.

Deceit also appears when a potential customer phones to inquire about services.

I phoned five banks and two trust companies around the K-W area and had no problem getting information on student packages.

However, getting a name to back the information was difficult. I got one name from an employee of Scotiabank and an operator number from an employee of Canada Trust, all others refused to give me any personal information.

What is this telling customers?

Is it that banks say they offer fair service but their employees won't stand behind them?

Another deceitful action is the offer of a student loan package. Under this system, students pay monthly interest fees at four per cent above the prime rate. What they don't tell students is they will end up paying more money on that loan than they would on a personal loan or on a government student loan.

Some advice to banking customers.

Next time they consider depositing money into a bank they should ask themselves this question: Are they using the bank or is the bank using them?



Just a thought



By Amy Wroblewski

Check out the Conestoga club scene

College students need to get back to nature and experience the great outdoors.

Students spend their school days sitting in artificially lit classrooms on plastic chairs in front of pressboard desks.

The closest many of them get to nature is staring out the window while their teacher drones on, or walking home so they can sit in front of the television and waste their brains.

The solution to this problem is simple and obvious.

Join a club.

There are several clubs that Conestoga students can join to escape the monotony of everyday life.

With winter just around the corner, participating in a winter activity is a great idea. Both the ski club and the snowboarding club have a large following at all skill levels so beginners are welcome.

Since funds for these clubs have been allotted by the DSA, the clubs are able to offer discounts

on lift tickets and help with transportation.

Personally, I'm involved in snowboarding in a big way. I'm not a member of the snowboarding club, but I am seriously considering joining. It will make it easier for me to hit the snow and I'll be able to talk with other snowboarders.

If snowboarding is a little too radical, skiing is nice and versatile because there is a variety of hills for all types of skiers.

Both skiing and snowboarding are a great way to have fun, meet new people and get some exercise.

For students who are determined to remain indoors this winter, the games club is also a good idea.

Getting together to play chess, cards and other activities is a good way to take a break from school while interacting with other people.

All the clubs hold meetings periodically to discuss and organize events so anyone interested in joining or finding out more about a club should attend.

Letter to the editor

Heather Craggs

A small infringement on privileges will save innocent people's lives

I have a comment to make concerning the Conestoga Corner editorial in the Nov. 27, 1995 issue of Spoke.

In the column, Mr. Donnelly states that "where an officer can take away a driver's license if his or her blood-alcohol level exceeds 0.08, is an infringement of a person's right. Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty?"

Innocent until proven guilty is of course the basis of our judicial system, but aren't there times when the rights of the public must temporarily take precedence over the rights of the accused? To temporarily revoke someone's license seems to be a small inconvenience if innocent lives are saved.

Do we say "Yes, your blood-alcohol level is

0.08 but we will allow you to get back in your vehicle (which has become a potential weapon against society) and drive on public highways?" The fact that his "rights" have not been infringed on is a small comfort to a grieving family.

If someone is standing in a crowded mall with a loaded, drawn hand gun do we expect the police to say, "Go ahead, you're innocent until proven guilty," or do we as the public have the right to wander safely in a public place?

Finally, in regards to Mr. Donnelly's assumption that impaired driving is "...not an intent to commit a crime" but merely a "stupid decision," I suggest you discuss this opinion with victims trying to cope with the loss of loved ones.

Is there any crime which is not a "stupid decision?"

TAKING SIDES

Should full-time students be entitled to government-subsidized child care?

Subsidies are investments too

By Leanne Moses



In the provincial government's current war against the poor, the latest brilliant campaign to save a few bucks is by cutting day-care subsidies.

And while taxpayers can't afford to support government subsidies at the current level, subsidies for people who need day care services to continue their education should certainly be supported.

According to the 1990 Ontario Premier's Council Report, by the year 2,000, 63 per cent of the new jobs in Canada will require at least a Grade 12 education.

One of the findings in the report was that the proportion of unskilled jobs is rapidly decreasing, while the demand for skilled workers is quickly increasing.

The report also predicts that Ontario will be facing a skills shortage within the next decade.

What this means is most jobs will require at least a Grade 12 education (except cabinet minister in the Ontario provincial government) and good jobs will require post-secondary education.

People without education will be doomed to life on welfare, or to living below the poverty line working at unskilled and poorly paid jobs.

By subsidizing day care now for students who cannot afford to pay without assistance so they can devote themselves to bettering themselves through education seems a small price to pay.

These students will likely have a better chance for a good job when they are finished school.

Eventually, these students should be able to find well-paying jobs. They will become taxpayers, support themselves and pay for their own child care.

Looking to the future and planning for the long term, something Mike Harris and his merry (and mostly) men on the simpleminded revolution bandwagon seem completely incapable of doing, it would seem that we need to spend a little money in the short term to get people weaned from social assistance.

Those people who have neither education (something the Harris government doesn't understand) or money (the only thing that talks to the Ontario Conservatives and is listened to) will be stuck in the groove of poverty and unemployment.

Our society has progressed to a point where we have decided the privileged should help the less fortunate.

No matter how much Harris would like to take Ontario back into the dark ages, we should not turn our backs and becoming uncaring individuals who are interested only in personal gain.

Harris can pay day-care subsidies for students now, or keep paying welfare to the unemployed later.

campus comments



"Yes, if parents want to further their education and get more money in a job to better provide for their children."

Tracy Brookes
Management studies

"Yes with all the cuts the government has made they should leave this benefit for full-time students with children."

Jaimie Carrol
Management studies

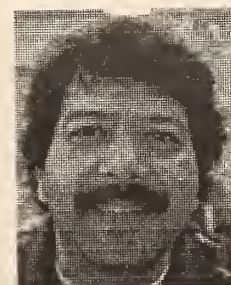
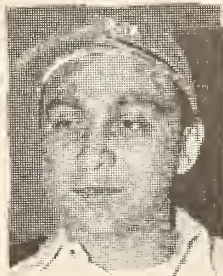


"Yes, it's convenient for parents to have their children nearby. Not all parents have relatives to look after the children."

Ame Bristow
Early childhood education

"Yes, Canada is well known for supporting people in need, but even with the cuts, children should be the last to suffer."

Juan Carlos Hernandez
Management studies



"Yes, they should be subsidized. With cuts to OSAP and family benefits these students are left with few alternatives."

Gaston Paredes
Business management

"Yes. It's not fair to take away child care when these students are trying hard to make a better life for their families."

Jennifer Woltz
Law and security



Taxpayers need a break



By José Compta

It is easy to claim that the government should be responsible for everything we need, including child care for parents who attend school full time.

People should realize that governments don't have their own money, and the only way they can subsidize and pay for services is using tax money.

To pay child care for parents who are full-time students would be unfair for the many other parents of young children who have to work and perhaps study part time on what most people consider leisure time.

Why are the rest of parents with youngsters discriminated against just because they are not enrolled in a full-time school program? And why is the rest of the population economically penalized by having taxes increased and the money spent on this kind of program when otherwise taxes could and should be reduced?

It is very easy to subsidize programs which would benefit some people, especially when it is done with somebody else's money. It makes the subsidizer, in this case the government, look good. But in the long run it might hurt the total population.

The provincial government is cutting or reducing many different services, programs and subsidies that affect large segments of the population.

Some of the affected services, such as hospitals, are certainly more critical than day care which in many cases amounts to no more than baby-sitting.

Others, also on the chopping block, like college programs which have to be cut, would affect far more people than the number of parents requiring child care, because lack of funding will deprive or make it more difficult for people to further their education.

Submitting ourselves to those cuts will undoubtedly hurt. Everybody will feel the pain to certain degree, but in the long run we will be better for it with a healthier economy and without the fear of our province going bankrupt.

Nobody likes to see those cuts, especially the people directly affected by them, but is heartening to see that there are people in the government with enough courage to go through with them despite the momentary unpopularity that it will create. They know people will not like the cuts, but they are looking at a larger picture, and a long-term result — eliminating the provincial deficit.

Sometimes expending foolishly under the banner of "creating jobs" or subsidizing programs to become popular with the voters, is nothing more than a short-term and temporary benefit. Later we all have to pay the consequences.

It is rather upsetting to think that some people expect to be provided with everything they need, without giving a thought to where the money to pay for those things comes from.

YES

Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to?
Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

NO

CONESTOGA LIFE

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Student helps with opening ceremonies

By Leanne Moses

When one of the largest curatorial centres in Ontario opened in November, Conestoga student Jill Wilson, on a four-week work-term at Doon Heritage Crossroads, was involved in planning the week-long opening celebration events.

Kitchener's new \$3.75-million curatorial centre opened Nov. 25 at Doon Heritage Crossroads, a living history museum.

Wilson, a recreation leadership student, said she helped to set up meetings, with catering arrangements, ordering chairs, and arranging for a stage and podium—in short, all the necessary details which seem small, but are still important in organizing an event.

On the day of the event, she helped give building tours.

This was Wilson's second workterm. She

was at Doon for a month.

She said she did her first workterm, a period of two weeks, for the Joseph Schneider Haus museum.

Denis Kuhl, co-ordinator of the recreation leadership program, said the program is somewhat self-directed for students in that the learning is self-paced.

The students have 51 projects to complete from 13 learning units such as facility studies, program and strategic planning and culture and heritage.

Under the facility studies unit, for example, students learn a specific set of skills related to setting up a facility. A project would include reading, interviewing, field trips to specific types of facilities such as ice rinks, correctional centres and seniors centres.

As well, the students would do a group project where they would decide from

scratch how to plan a facility: preparing a site plan, working out the financial aspects, and looking at staffing, safety, traffic flow, and accessibility.

Kuhl said the students also learn research techniques and are required to do a survey for a community group.

"We try to get them into the community as much as possible," he said.

Kuhl said one area that recreation leadership grads get jobs is programming for historical sites.

After the planning for the Doon Heritage Crossroads opening was completed, Wilson helped the Doon staff work on the Christmas program.



Jill Wilson, a second-year recreation leadership student, did her last workterm at Doon Heritage Crossroads. (Photo by Leanne Moses)

Former music star plays a different tune as Conestoga faculty member

By Samantha Craggs

Cliff Edwards is known around Conestoga as a faculty member, teaching advanced marketing to third-year broadcasting, radio and television students. Few know of Edwards's extensive résumé in music and television, particularly as the front man of the '60s and '70s pop group The Belles.

In those years, the Belles had a gold record, selling 1,000,000 cop-

ies in the U.S. In their prime, the group made appearances on the Merv Griffin Show and The Tonight Show.

"The ultimate thrill is playing in front of a crowd," Edwards said. "There is nothing like it."

Edwards said he loved meeting friends, getting a wider perspective of life and seeing the rest of the country.

The downside was the pressure from managers and agents. Ed-

wards said the more successful they got the more pressure built.

Edwards got started in music in Montreal. His whole family was musical and his father played piano and saxophone.

"It was a case where my father wanted to be in music and I was the extension of that," Edwards said.

He started singing in a local band in Grade 10 and loved it. The band started getting more club dates and Edwards said he realized he could

make more money as a musician than an artist.

Edwards learned to produce albums with the Belles by trial and error. "A lot of the music business is learning by doing," he said.

Edwards got into broadcasting because he did radio and television interviews with the Belles and was curious to know how the other side worked. Edwards said he knew about broadcasting but only from one angle.

He went to Loyalist College in Kingston for broadcasting and worked as a cameraman, an associate producer and a producer.

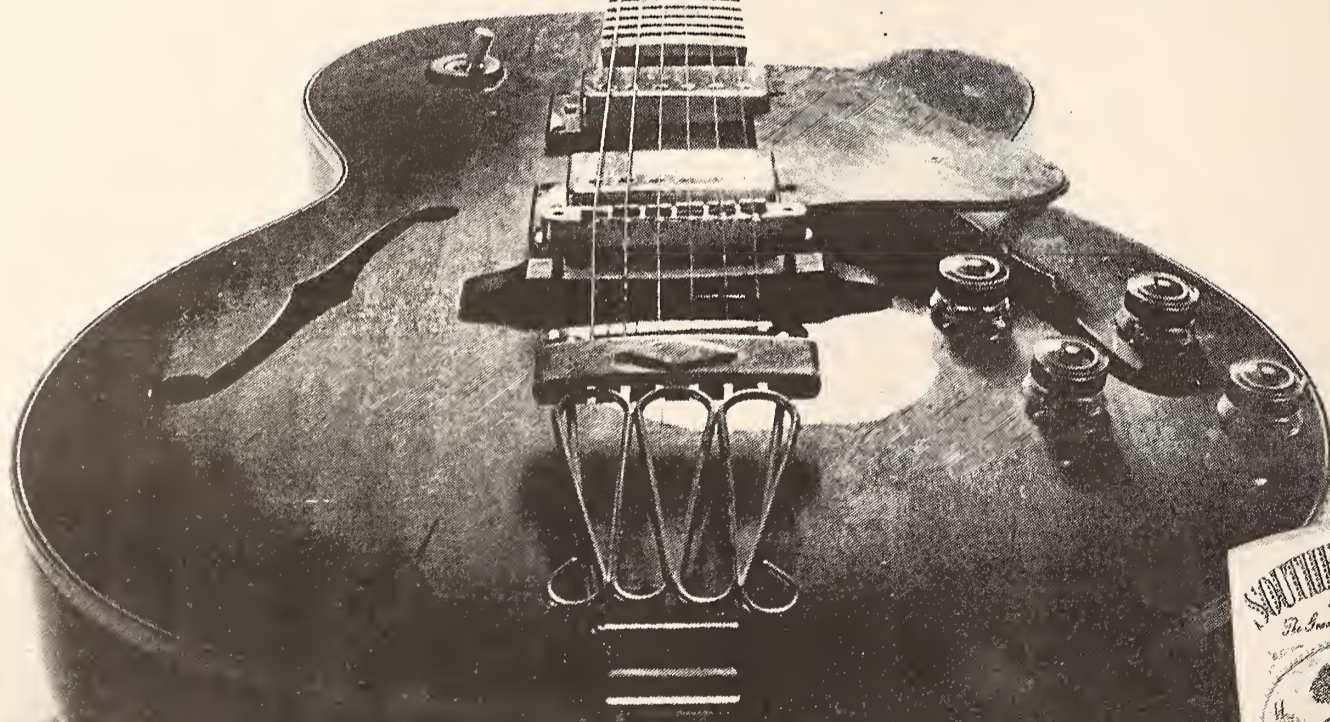
"Teaching's not hard, but you want to make sure you are conveying information properly so you aren't just standing up there," Edwards said. "I don't want anybody to be bored."

Edwards said he would still like to sing, tour, record music and write more songs.

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CONESTOGA LIFE

Carnival day planned at the residence

By Samantha Craggs

One of the many events planned by the student council at the residence this winter is a carnival day, said council's social co-ordinator Kim McNeely in an interview.

McNeely, a law and security administration student, said she thought of the carnival day because it was a good way for the new students coming in January to meet people.

She said the carnival will include events like a toboggan pull, road hockey, snow football, obstacle courses and a chocolate milk chugging contest.

"It's a good way to get people involved without needing alcohol," McNeely said. She said most functions have included alcohol and there are a lot of non-drinkers in the residence.

She said students will be divided into teams for the events and there will be a point system to keep track

of the winners.

The events will take place both inside and outside, and McNeely said there may or may not be a party afterwards.

"We don't always plan parties, but sometimes they happen anyway," she said.

The carnival day will cost the council money from the social fund, but it won't cost the students anything, McNeely said.

The residence may use the school grounds for the outdoor sports.

McNeely said council has been planning the carnival day right from the beginning and decided January would be a good time because of the influx of students.

At the beginning of the year, council planned on having a Christmas formal dance, but McNeely said it has been moved to Valentine's Day because of the potentially large expense of a formal dance.

"Christmas is a bad time for

money with students," McNeely said. "Hopefully by February, everyone will have replenished their funds."

She said there will be a Christmas party, possible with a bar and a liquor licence.

McNeely said she was happy with the response from the last party on October 26.

"We had well over 100 people," McNeely said. "It was better than I'd expected."

She said the party was better this year than the one held last year because the council is more organized.

Overall, McNeely is optimistic about the carnival day and the other events planned for the year.

McNeely said participation is up this year because the council is organized and willing to work and listen to the students.

"Right from the beginning we were going strong," McNeely said, "and hopefully it will continue."

False alarm



Rodeway Suites employee Jason Buick talks to firefighters after a fire alarm at the residence was accidentally activated Nov.29. The alarm lasted approximately 20 minutes and about half of the students evacuated the building. (Photo by Samantha Craggs)

Career corner

Submitted by Laurie Doersam

A cover letter is a letter of introduction to a potential employer. It should accompany every resumé you send either through the mail or by fax. This letter serves to highlight some of your related skills. Please make sure it **does not** simply restate everything you have put into your resumé.

Considering the volume of resúmes that some recruiters receive, your cover letter is critical because it can either entice them to read your resumé, or to ignore it and go on to the next. This important document can indicate to a potential employer your written communication skills, if it is composed properly.

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The second paragraph, probably the one you will want to spend the most time composing, will reveal what skills you have gained through education and previous employment and how they qualify you for the desired position.

Finally, the third paragraph will indicate to the employer what you intend to do next. It is a good idea to mention that you will be contacting them to arrange an interview at a mutually convenient time. This demonstrates your enthusiasm for the position.

Some more things to keep in mind about your cover letter: Stick to the point. Tailor your letter for each and every position you apply to. Keep it short. Avoid long words, long sentences and long paragraphs. Make it as easy to read as possible.

Always make it error free and grammatically correct. Proof read and proof read again.

Your cover letter is a demonstration of your ability to compile and relay information effectively. It indicates your eagerness and suitability for a position and it deserves as much attention as your resumé.

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Lack of interest means cancelling of activities

By Steve Tuckwood

A lack of interest caused the DSA to cancel two sponsored activities during the week beginning Nov. 20.

The lunch-time euchre tournament scheduled for Nov. 22 was canceled because no student signed up to play in it.

DSA's director of student life Nada Swan said the tournament had been run the previous two months but unfortunately a lack of interest canceled this one.

"I don't know if people are too busy with school or what," said Swan. "But hopefully we can turn this sort of thing around in the new year."

Next to get the proverbial axe was the lecture series scheduled for Nov. 23. The series was to talk about the precautions one should take when purchasing a computer a seminar most would think popular on the Doon campus.

Swan said she was sort of puzzled by the lack of response the lecture got considering the number of computers students purchase and the amount of money they spend on them.

"I guess students don't want to go from one 1 1/2-hour lecture right into another one during their lunch hour," said Swan.

The bottom line according to Swan is that students don't understand the amount of money the

DSA spends on subsidizing some of the events that go on at the school.

While euchre and lecture series are not programs that are heavily subsidized, events like Mike Mandel and other comedians are.

As of Nov. 24 not one ticket had been sold for the Mandel show at Howard Johnson's, even though tickets were priced at only \$5. The price to see him at Lulu's was more than \$10.

Mandel performed a segment of his full show at noon in the Sanctuary the day of the Howard Johnson's show.

Swan did say one event that went off better than expected was the Buffalo Bills trip, a veritable steal

at \$45. "We sold out one bus up to Nov. 17," said Swan. "Then we sold out the other one in less than three days. I guess everyone waits until the last minute."

The cheapest seat in Buffalo is \$33 American meaning the DSA must have thrown the buses into the deal for free.

The 94 spots sold for the Buffalo trip give the DSA hope that some of the events they run are definitely what the students are looking for. The cancellations worry some the DSA though.

"No one likes to see their event canceled because that means the work they have done has gone to waste," said Swan. "But sometimes that is the case and you just have to

grin and bear it."

Swan said interest in some of the past events, like the Remembrance Service and AIDS quilt display, were also disappointing to the DSA.

One of the major winter term activities is a trip to a Raptors game which Swan hopes will sell a little faster than the Bills trip did.

"The sooner we get rid of the tickets the better," said Swan. "That way we can run more events like those because we know they will be popular."

Swan said if the interest in events does not increase, the DSA will take a critical approach, something none of them want, or deserve.

Strategies for success Conestoga gets "The Gift of Wings"

By Kean Doherty

The only man to have crossed Canada in an ultralight plane was a keynote speaker for about 80 students in the "Strategies for Student Success" course at the Doon campus on Dec. 4.

Carl Hiebert, a paraplegic and motivational speaker, had a witty and humorous monologue to accompany a slide presentation of some of the 14,000 aerial photos he took en route to Expo '86 in Vancouver, B.C. after taking off from Halifax, N.S.

Of these photos, Hiebert said he selected 142 for his coffee table book, "The Gift of Wings". The photos, taken with a hand-held camera, are vivid and illustrative of Canada and Canadians.

Hiebert narrated the slides, alternating between motivation and humor.

His brand of humor had most of the audience laughing aloud, especially when he described his answer to a question from a reporter.

Hiebert was asked at what approximate height most of his air travel was at, to which he answered, "oh, about five foot

seven or so."

He followed this anecdote with a hilarious talk on what most people think about paraplegics.

"Most people tend to think people in wheelchairs also have something else wrong with them and I call it 'spreading'," said Hiebert. "So I just go along with it and drool a little or pretend I am hard of hearing."

Hiebert, who lost the use of his legs in a hang-gliding accident in 1981, is promoting his book, as he said, "to keep my banker happy."

Most of his motivational slide show talks have been for the corporate community but Hiebert accepted the offer to speak at Conestoga.

His personal theory about failure revolves around seeing "problems" as "creative opportunities."

"Most people never try anything because they are afraid of failure," said Hiebert. "To succeed you need to confront difficulty and see it in a different way."

He said once a person overcomes his fear of a new project, he becomes a better person for it.

He said conquering his own fears was something he needed to do to cross the continent in his small two-seat plane.

"Someone said to me 'You gotta be nuts, it's never been done before'," Hiebert said. "But I conquered all of my fears about high altitudes through the Rockies and fears of in-flight breakdown to cross the 5,000 miles in 58 days."

Hiebert also said people should try to see the humor in everything and not let little setbacks discourage them from trying that much harder. Using a quote from author Richard Bach, who wrote "Illusions" and "Jonathan Livingston Seagull", Hiebert said "Argue for your limitations and surely you will attain them."

This temporarily bewildered his audience but he told them what he really meant was that people will go only as far as they set out to. Instead, he said they should make their goals lofty.

Hiebert, who ended the slide show with a question-and-answer session, said his three-time (Canadian) bestselling book is available for \$50 at most book stores.

College education pays off

By Samantha Craggs

Conestoga has paid off for a young entrepreneur who opened a business out of his home six months ago and has been flying high ever since.

Shaine Marr, 22, graduated from the business management studies program in May and opened his own business doing leather and vinyl repairs.

Marr got the idea after going to a franchise show in Toronto with two other students. He said they just went to snoop around but an exhibit for FibreNew, a leather and vinyl repair franchise, caught his eye.

"The market's really good for it," Marr said in an interview. "You can do everything from car dealerships to motels."

Marr had to train for two weeks in Ottawa and Mississauga and raise \$50,000 to buy the territorial rights to Brant, Oxford and Haldimand-Norfolk counties.

Marr said he went to the bank with his father, which made it easier to get the money. He also went armed with an impressive business plan edited by business management faculty member Rex Clark. Two days later, he said, the money was in his account.

Marr said the way business is going he will have the loan paid off before the end of its five-year term.

Marr said the business plan was a

big part of how the course helped him. Because of the course, he can also do his own accounting. He said the course here gives students the basic background so they know what to expect. He said without the course he would not be as confident as he is now.

"The business course is good because it leaves everything open to you," Marr said. "We took everything from human resources to marketing so I got a good idea of what I was interested in."

Marr said while buying in to a franchise is easier than starting from scratch, it's important to research the franchise for suitability and support.

"Some franchisers are out for themselves," Marr said, citing an example of a sub shop that has opened so many stores that head management are the only people making any money.

Marr said he researched FibreNew at the library and called other operators to see how they were doing. There are only 30 such operators in Canada.

Business is going well for Marr, and he said he does an average of 10 jobs a week ranging from repairing cigarette burns to redyeing a leather couch. It's going so well that Marr may hire an assistant within the next year. Marr said once he gets his current business paid off he would like to examine other areas.

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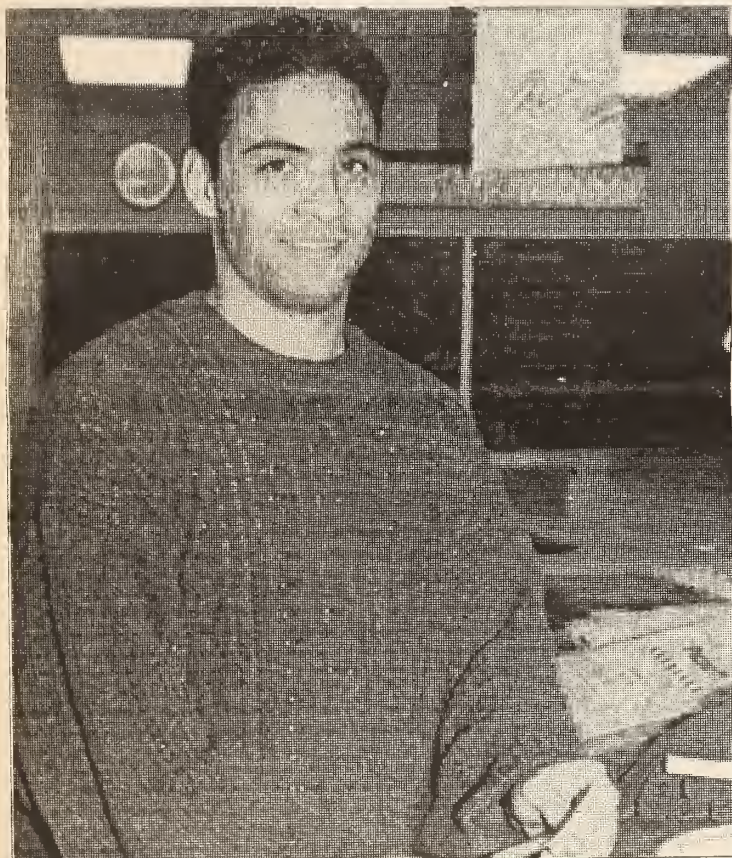
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Doug Seaton, business administration program, was working on a lotus assignment. "If they ever sold this place, they would have to sell me with the furniture," he said.



Colleen Lam and J.T. Ruby, third-year broadcast, radio and television students, were working on a commercial in the studio on the fourth floor. Lam said they have to produce about one commercial a month.



Jeff Lincoln, first year graphics arts student, was working on a logo. "It's always crunch time in here," he said.

After Hours

It's 11 p.m.

Do you know where these students are? Spoke decided to find out who was still on the Doon campus working late into the night.

Photos by Leanne Moses



Flo Berry cleans from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday to Friday.



Kim Henderson, a security guard with Wackenhut, checks a pass of a Spoke reporter.



Jeff Charman, computer program analyst student, says he works late about four nights. "This chair has my name on it." He was working on a computer game of tag to run between two computers.



Amanda Gosse, first-year graphics student, was working on a logo and some projects for Christmas. There always seem to be students working in the graphics lab. Joel Brown, another first-year graphics student said security has had to kick him out more than once.

Mentalist entrances Conestoga students

By Steve Tuckwood

Mentalist Mike Mandel brought his show to Kitchener on Nov. 30, but before the actual event he came to Conestoga for a noon warm-up.

Mandel took the better part of two hours to teach a packed house in the Sanctuary — skills such as getting out of doing something you are being pressured into, how to interpret handwriting, and how to tell when someone is lying to you.

Mandel, who has toured the world performing corporate and public shows to make people aware of just how strong and versatile their brains are, said he liked the setup of the Sanctuary.

"It's a little different from most of the university shows I do," said Mandel. "But I like it here because the audience can go in and out as they please and really not interrupt what is going on."

Mandel took regular breaks throughout the show so the audience could wipe the previous information from memory and leave new activity as the only thing they would be concentrating on.

Mandel told the audience how they could get out of being sold anything by a door-to-door salesperson just by the way they answered the salesperson's questions.

"If you don't really answer any of the questions he asks you then he will never be able to convince you to buy the product. Just agree with

what they are saying but don't let them ask you any specific questions, and you won't have to worry at all."

He also taught the audience how to cure insomnia.

"When you are lying in bed and are in a comfortable position concentrate on the most comfortable part of your body and the next thing you know you will be waking up."

Mandel, who has also taken courses on analyzing handwriting, said an institute in Chicago has studied handwriting for several years and has determined their studies to be 100 per cent accurate.

By fielding questions from the audience Mandel made reference to several common characteristics in handwriting including how people

cross their t's and dot their i's.

Mandel said a great deal can be learned from analyzing someone's handwriting.

"People who write certain ways actually tip off characteristics like violent behavior or artistic interest without really knowing it."

He said that people can learn much about themselves by having their handwriting analyzed and at the same time be made aware of how changes in their writing will alter their characteristics as well.

The crowd was with Mandel all of the way and stuck around until the end of the show, despite the number of breaks he took.

When you can hold an audience like that for two hours, it really says something about the performer.



Mike Mandel gave a neuro-linguistic lecture to Doon campus students on Nov. 30, in the Sanctuary. (Photo by Heather Milburn Graham)

Copy Cat explores minds of serial killers

By Steve Tuckwood


Pop/jazz sensation Harry Connick Jr. jumped back on to the big screen to play a serial killer in the film *Copy Cat*.

Connick plays Darryl Lee Cullum, a mass murderer from the southern United States who tries to murder a psychiatrist played by Sigourney Weaver before he is caught and sent to jail.

Weaver is so messed up by the entire situation that she becomes house-ridden and has continual flashbacks about the incident.

Connick, who also played in *Memphis Belle*, played the role of Cullum well. A serial killer infatu-

movie review



Copy Cat

Starring: Sigourney Weaver

ated with Weaver, Connick, though playing only a minor part, really sells the idea to the audience.

Enter Holly Hunter, a police investigator, who tries to use Weaver's expertise with serial killers to catch the latest one.

Weaver then becomes the prey of the latest killer, who has been in contact with Cullum by mail.

Cullum has asked him to kill Weaver in exactly the same fashion he tried to kill her in the first time.

Weaver pieces together the idea that the killer is using ideas of serial killers like Jeffrey Dahmer. By killing people exactly like Ted Bundy and Dahmer, Weaver catches on to the copy-cat idea.

The characters played by Hunter and Weaver leave the audience in suspense in this thriller.

If you are a fan of forensic psychology and the way serial killers think then this is a movie you will not want to miss.

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Martindale's goals Condors coach dreams of championship

By Scott Donnelly

Winning the championship might seem like a natural goal for any college hockey coach, but for Conestoga coach Tony Martindale it means more than just winning the national title.

After three unsuccessful trips to the nationals as an assistant head coach at Wilfrid Laurier University Martindale wants a chance to win the big game.

Martindale was born into a hockey family in Caledonia. He played minor hockey and went on to play Junior B for his father.

"Ever since I could remember he

was a hockey coach," says Martindale. "I admired him and I wanted to be just like him."

However, he says he was his father's worst critic and did not want his dad coaching him.

He got his wish during his last year of Junior B when his father quit.

Martindale said the team hired a man who was "half the hockey coach" his father was.

He now realizes that his father was a good coach and says he follows the same approach to hockey as his father. Both insist on a strong work ethic, which Martindale believes begins with the coach.

"If we can say we worked harder than the other team than we're one up on them."

Although Martindale believes it begins with the coach, he does not take credit for all of the results.

"The coaches simply steer the team in the right direction but it's the players that put it on the line."

"I just want to do a good job at whatever level I'm coaching. I like working with the student athletes because these guys are playing because they love the game and just want to play it."

— Tony Martindale
Condor hockey coach

"I know I've got the team focused when I go to the dressing room between periods and I don't know what I'm going to say, then I get in there and the players are saying it."

Martindale began his coaching career at an Ohio university where he met his wife Sandy.

After one year there he returned to Canada and worked as the assistant coach at Laurier for the next seven years, before taking the job with Conestoga this year.

"I just felt that the next progression was a head coach position at some level," he said.

"I got some offers from Junior B teams but the college position is not as time consuming."

Martindale needs his spare time for his job — which also involves hockey. He works for Kitchener Minor Hockey, setting up schedules and managing minor hockey operations.

Martindale would like nothing better than to win the national championship with Conestoga when the school hosts the tournament in the spring.

Although he says he has not set any coaching career goals, he does have some objectives.

"I just want to do a good job at whatever level I'm coaching," he said.

"I like working with the student athletes because these guys are playing because they love the game and just want to play it."



Coach Tony Martindale preaches defence and discipline to his troops during a practice on Dec. 4.

(Photo by Scott Donnelly)

A real swinger



Bill Clark practises his swing in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre on Dec. 1. Clark is involved with the golf clinic offered at the centre.

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Condor soccer team sweeps at Mohawk tourney

By Scott Donnelly

The Conestoga Condors women's indoor soccer team won the inaugural Mohawk College tournament Dec. 2.

The Condors won six games, all shut-outs, to take the invitational tournament. That earned Conestoga goalkeeper Jana Webster tournament MVP honors.

Head coach Geoff Johnstone said the team played outstanding defence while still managing to score more than three goals per game.

The Condors beat Niagara 2-0, Mohawk 1-0 and Canadore 5-0 in the round-robin segment of the tournament. In the quarter-finals, they defeated Sheridan 3-0. Conestoga then went on to top Niagara again in the semi-final, this time by a score of 4-0.

That victory moved them into the finals against Brock University, who they also beat 4-0.

Johnstone said he was proud of the team in the finals because the Brock Badgers are considered one of the better teams in the country.

"Kevin Bainbridge, who organized the tournament, said he is going to put it in the O.C.A.A. newsletter," said Johnstone. "He couldn't believe how easily we beat everyone, especially Brock."

The team normally plays in the O.C.A.A. outdoor league, but is currently playing in a community recreational indoor league said Johnstone.

Webster, a first-year law and security student, was discovered by chance according to Johnstone.

"She played forward during the outdoor season but our regular goalkeeper, Amanda Keselring, needed knee surgery," he said. "If it wasn't for the indoor league, we would have never known."

While Johnstone praised his rookie keeper's play, he also gave a lot of credit to the team's defence.

"We've played five games in the rec. league and not conceded a goal," Johnstone said. "Tammy Flannigan is the best one-on-one defender I have ever seen. No one has beat her in the three years I've watched her."

Johnstone attributed the team's domination to the fact they played together in the outdoor league and the rec. league. However, he also said the team is loaded with talent.

"I don't want them to get big heads or anything but it was like pros playing with amateurs down there."

The next tournament is in February and the regional qualifiers will take place in March.



Conestoga Condor Elaine Keller lines the ball up for a shot during a game against the Guelph Ravens in rec-league action, Tuesday, Dec. 5.
(Photo by Scott Donnelly)

Condors lose a close one to Golden Shields

By Scott Donnelly

The Condors travelled to Sudbury Dec. 2 but left their defence behind as they lost 7-5 to Cambrian.

Conestoga coach Tony Martindale said the team started slowly after the six hour bus ride and Cambrian took a 3-1 lead into the dressing room after the first period.

The team finally got into the game in the second period said Martindale. The Condors dominated the period and the score was tied 4-4 going into the third.

The Condors have enjoyed a string of success in the third period lately but not this time.

Martindale said Cambrian scored three goals and held the Condors in check until late in the game when Conestoga scored to make it 7-5.

Martindale said the team followed his plan to check Cambrian's top line, which includes Troy Caley and Bob McAskill the league's top two scorers, with Brian Park's checking line but the Golden

Shields adjusted.

"Parks' line was able to shut their big line down," said Martindale. "But their other guys picked it up and they spread it around."

Spreading scoring around is something Martindale has mentioned about his own team but it did not happen in this game.

Evan Anderson was in on every Condor goal with two goals and three assists.

Although the offence seems one-dimensional, Martindale said it would be difficult for any team to shut it down because of the talent on the line.

"Evan's tough to defend because he's skilled and has great speed," said Martindale. "But pretty soon other teams will see that and start keying on him."

Martindale said he may return Joel Washkuruk to forward in an effort to spark another offensive unit.

The fact that the Condors were undefeated in four games had nothing

to do with the loss said Martindale.

"The stats show that we've only outscored the opposition 25-20," he said.

"We told them before the game that there was no reason to get cocky yet."

Conestoga goalie Chris Marshall was pulled in favor of Devin Steubing after the first period. Martindale said Steubing played well in relief of Marshall who was let down by his defence.

"We've identified our defence as the major problem," Martindale said.

"We'll be working on our one-on-one defence and trying to improve during practice."

The Condors played the best team they've met all season according to Martindale.

"They're the first team that has been able to outplay us at even strength," he said. "It's going to be between us, Cambrian and Seneca is always there."

Men's Hockey

Standings:

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cambrian	7	5	2	0	56	41	10
Seneca	7	4	2	1	46	38	9
Conestoga	5	3	1	1	30	27	7
S.S. Fleming(P)	3	1	2	0	15	17	2
S.S. Fleming(L)	3	0	3	0	16	31	0
Sault	3	0	3	0	14	23	0

League results:

Nov.30	Seneca 12	at	S.S. Fleming(L) 4
Dec. 2	Conestoga 5	at	Cambrian 7

Individual Statistics:

Player/Team	GP	G	A	PTS
T. Caley/Cam	7	13	14	27
B. McAskill/Cam	7	12	11	23
E. Anderson/Con	5	6	11	17
K. Chraba/Sen	6	8	6	14
J. Coleman/Sen	7	6	8	14

Varsity Scoreboard



Athlete of the week

Jana Webster

Member of women's indoor soccer team

Webster, a first-year law and security administration student, recorded 6 shutouts in the Mohawk Invitational Tournament.

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